

Department of Environmental Quality
Notice of Public Meeting and Public Comment - Environmental Study

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek public comment and participation in developing a bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan (TMDL IP), or watershed and water quality management plan, for eight stream segments (18.43 miles of James River, 5.37 miles of Ivy Creek, 5.9 miles of Tomahawk Creek, 3.47 miles of Burton Creek, 10.55 miles of Judith Creek, 5.45 miles of Fishing Creek, 10.24 miles of Blackwater Creek and 8.5 miles of Beaver Creek) which drain from portions of Campbell, Bedford, and Amherst counties and the City of Lynchburg.

PUBLIC MEETING DATE/LOCATION/TIME: Thursday, May 6, 2010; the meeting will be held in the Hall Center Ball Room at Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Signs will be available directing the public to the Hall Center Ball Room as you enter Lynchburg College from Lakeside Drive.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: This is the first public meeting on the development of the James River Basin TMDL IP, a watershed management plan that outlines voluntary actions or practices that should be utilized within the region to clean up project water bodies. During the meeting citizens will have an opportunity to learn about the stream segment impairments, learn about the TMDL Implementation Plan, and be provided information on opportunities to participate and provide input in the water quality planning initiative.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period on the materials presented at the public meeting will extend from May 6, 2010 to June 7, 2010.

HOW TO COMMENT: Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Paula Nash, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, email: paula.nash@deq.virginia.gov, phone: 434-582-5120 or Kelly Hitchcock, Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council, 828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, VA 24504, email: khitchcock@region2000.org, phone: 434-845-3491.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information on the James River Basin TMDL Implementation Plan, you may contact Kelly Hitchcock, contact information above, or go the Environmental Section of the Virginia Region 2000 Local Government Council website at <http://region2000.org/environmental-services.html>.